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SUBJECT: MORNING SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT REPORTS

### 1. SOARES ON PORTUGAL

PRIME MINISTER SOARES TOLD AMBASSADOR CARLUCCI NOVEMBER 10 THAT HE WAS UNDER INCREASING ATTACK FROM THE COMMUNISTS, WHO HAVE NOT LOST THEIR THIRST FOR POWER, AND FROM THE RIGHTISTS, WHO THINK THEY CAN TURN THE CLOCK BACK TO SALAZAR DAYS. NOTING THAT DEMOCRACY IN PORTUGAL IS STILL FRAGILE, SOARES:

--HINTED HE WAS CONTEMPLATING "SPECTACULAR" GOVERNMENT ACTIONS TO RECOUP RECENT LABOR LOSSES TO THE COMMUNISTS;

--SAID THE NEW AGRICULTURE MINISTER, ANTONIO

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BARRETO, HAD INSTRUCTIONS TO CLEAN HOUSE IN THE

MINISTRY, WHICH UNDER CARDOSO HAD ACTUALLY BEEN RUN BY COMMUNISTS AND WAS TOTALLY INEFFECTIVE; AND

--CHARACTERIZED EANES AS THE "RIGHT MAN IN THE RIGHT JOB AT THE RIGHT TIME," SAYING HE IS GRADUALLY

BRINGING THE MILITARY UNDER CONTROL AND GIVING THE GOVERNMENT GOOD SUPPORT.

AMBASSADOR'S COMMENT: SOARES STILL RETAINS HIS EBULLIENCE AND BASIC DETERMINATION TO SEE MATTERS THROUGH, DESPITE HIS COMPLAINTS THAT RUNNING THE GOVERNMENT IS LIKE BEING UNDER SIEGE. (CONFIDENTIAL) LISBON 7769, 11/12.

## 2. GIEREK VISIT AUGURS WELL FOR SOVIET EAST EUROPE POLICY

ACCORDING TO EMBASSY MOSCOW, MUTUAL BACK-SLAPPING ON THE FIRST DAY OF GIEREK'S USSR VISIT SHOWS THAT THE SOVIETS ARE WILLING TO GO SOME DISTANCE TO MAKE THEIR "EAST EUROPE MONTH" (NOVEMBER) A SUCCESS. EVENTS OF THE GIEREK VISIT MAY INDICATE THAT A HUNGARIAN-STYLE TRADEOFF (DOMESTIC AUTONOMY FOR FOREIGN POLICY SUBSERVENCE) IS ALSO SHAPING UP FOR POLAND. (CONFIDENTIAL) MOSCOW 17665 11/10.

## 3. CROSLAND'S TRIP TO BELGRADE

ACCORDING TO A BRITISH EMBASSY OFFICIAL IN BELGRADE, FOREIGN MINISTER CROSLAND VISITED YUGOSLAVIA TO:

--EMPHASIZE UK SUPPORT FOR CONTINUED YUGOSLAV INDEPENDENCE; AND

--MEET WITH AS MANY OF TITO'S POTENTIAL SUCCESSORS AS POSSIBLE, AN OBJECTIVE READILY SUPPORTED BY THE YUGOSLAVS.

INFLUENTIAL PRESIDUM MEMBER DOLANC TOLD CROSLAND THAT YUGOSLAVIA WAS MORE UNITED THAN EVER, DID NOT FEAR THE SECRET

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QUESTION OF SUCCESSION, AND DID NOT EXPECT THE SOVIETS TO INTERVENE, AT LEAST MILITARILY, IN YUGOSLAV AFFAIRS. (CONFIDENTIAL) BELGRADE 7290, 11/10.

## 4. FRENCH PREPARE TO MOVE ON AFARS AND ISSAS

EMBASSY PARIS REPORTS THAT THE FRENCH HAVE NOW DEVELOPED A VIGOROUS, SENSIBLE APPROACH TO DJIBOUTI WHICH

OFFERS SOME HOPE OF SUCCESS. SECRETARY OF STATE FOR OVERSEAS TERRITORIES STIRN, WHO TOLD DCM GAMMON HE INTENDS TO TRAVEL IN LATE NOVEMBER TO DJIBOUTI TO INSURE PARITY IN VOTING NUMBERS BETWEEN THE AFARS AND THE ISSAS AND TO FINALIZE PLANS FOR AN EMBRYONIC FTAI ARMY, ALSO SAID:

--THE FRENCH, WHO ARE ANXIOUS TO AVOID ESTABLISHMENT OF A SOVIET BASE IN DJIBOUTI, HOPE TO CONVINCE VISITING FTAI PRESIDENT KAMIL OF THE NEED FOR A POST-INDEPENDENCE FRENCH MILITARY PRESENCE AND OF THE SAGACITY OF BROADENING HIS GOVERNMENT TO INCLUDE FOLLOWERS OF ALI AREF.

--COINCIDENT WITH STIRN'S DJIBOUTI VISIT, FOREIGN AFFAIRS STATE SECRETARY TAITTINGER WILL SWING THROUGH CAPITALS OF COUNTRIES NEIGHBORING THE FTAI TO SECURE THEIR ACQUIESCENCE IN A FRENCH TROOP PRESENCE.

--THE QUAI, WHICH IS MORE WORRIED ABOUT ETHIOPIAN THAN SOMALI REACTION TO FRENCH TROOPS, HOPES THE US WILL REASSURE THE FTAI'S NEIGHBORS THAT THE FRENCH SINCERELY DESIRE A TRULY INDEPENDENT STATE.

EMBASSY COMMENT: IT IS CLEAR THAT THE FTAI PROBLEM IS RECEIVING STUDY AT THE HIGHEST LEVELS. NOW THAT THE FRENCH HAVE THEIR THINKING IN ORDER, THEY ARE MORE PREPARED TO ACCEPT SUGGESTIONS ON HOW THE US MIGHT HELP THEM IN THEIR EFFORTS. (CONFIDENTIAL/LIMDIS) PARIS 33444, 11/10.

5. THAILAND: SOCIALISTS HEAD FOR THE JUNGLE  
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CERTAIN SOCIALIST PARTY MEMBERS AND SEVERAL WELL-KNOWN STUDENT ACTIVISTS HAVE PUBLICLY ANNOUNCED THEIR INTENTION TO WAGE AN ARMED STRUGGLE AGAINST THE NEW THAI GOVERNMENT, APPARENTLY IN CONCERT WITH THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF THAILAND, WHOSE BROADCASTING SERVICES WERE USED TO PUBLISH THEIR STATEMENT. ACCORDING TO EMBASSY BANGKOK, MEMBERS OF BOTH PARTIES, AS WELL AS OTHER ACTIVISTS AND LEFTISTS, HAVE DISAPPEARED INTO THE JUNGLE OR CROSSED THE BORDER INTO LAOS.

EMBASSY COMMENT: AMONG THESE TWO GROUPS ARE PERSONS OF POTENTIAL LEADERSHIP QUALITY WHO ARE ETHNIC THAIS -- NOT SINO-THAIS -- AND ARE URBAN ORIENTED. IT WILL BE INTERESTING TO SEE IF THESE PERSONS SURFACE AGAIN.

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